(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) HMT has no proposal to set up any watch Factory in Assam at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Upgrading the Guwahati Medical College

1949. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade the Guwahati Medical College in Assam upto the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade it during the year 1990-91; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The Government of Assam has made a proposal to the Central Government for the upgradation of the Guwahati Medical College into a Postgraduate Institute, so as to provide for more specialised treatment facilities for the people of the region. The Govt. of India is proposing to give financial assistance to five Institutions in different regions of the country for upgrading the various Departments in such institutions and the proposal in regard to Guwahati Medical College will be kept in view while finalising the Institutions to be so upgraded.

Production of Drugs by IDPL

1950. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what was the production of each drug by IDPL when the present Chairman and Managing Director took over in terms of quantity per year and what was the production of each during 1989-90; and

(b) what is the shortfall in production in terms of quantities and what is the value of this shortfall at constant prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) The present Chairman & Managing Director of IDPL took over the charge on 29.9.1986. A statement showing production of Bulk Drugs by IDPL during 1986-87 and 1989-90 and percentage increase/decrease is attached. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 98]

(b) While there was no overall shortfall in production in terms of quantity, there were shortfall in respect of some individual items due to their restricted use, product obsolescene, market constraint, trippings in power supply etc.

Reimbursement from DPEA

1951. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry made reimbursements from DPEA to certain public sector drug units;

(b) if so, what are the names of the units and drugs involved;

(c) what was the quantity of each drug involved and at what rate was the money reimbursed;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not link the liability as being done for

private sector units;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is a fact that public sector companies were favoured for the pretty benefits extracted by the bureaucrats;

(g) whether it is a fact that one of the public sector companies paid for arranging the fencing of the boundary of the house of former Development Commissioner (PI) presently working in his Ministry; and

(h) what is the name of the company and how much amount was paid?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Reimbursements have been made to public sector undertakings IDPL and HAL from the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account during 1987-88 and 1988-89 in respect of 6 APA and certain other drugs.

(c) to (h) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Increasing the price of newsprint

@1952. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newsprint price has been increased at the rate of Rs. 800/- per ton recently by Government causing burden on the newspaper industry;

(b) whether Government have received any representation for lowering the newsprint cost; and

(c) if so, what action Government has taken to reduce the price of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Some newsprint mills are reported to have recently increased the price of newsprint. The increase in price ranges between about Rs. 775 to Rs. 915 per MT in respect of Mysore Paper Mills (MPM) and about Rs. 770 to Rs. 970 in respect of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL), depending upon the size and grammage etc. of newsprint. Government exercise no control over the price of newsprint, which is governed by input costs and market conditions.

Opening of Nursing College in Kerala

1953. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering any proposal to start a nursing college/institute/university in Kerala; and;

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Government has no such proposal at present.

(b) Question does not arise.

Proposals for new industries in Kerala

1954. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any major private or public sector unit has applied for licences to start industry in Kerala after January, 1990;

(b) whether the Central Government have received any new proposal from the Kerala Government under their new industrial policy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Since February, 1990, under the already existing industrial policy, 15 Industrial Licence Applications, including 4 from

@Previously Unstarred Question 1577 transferred from the 23rd May 1990.